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7/1/2010

Four people are dead this morning as Hurricane Alex makes landfall this morning. You have to have a boat to get around south of the border. This year's first Atlantic hurricane hit northeastern Mexico last night. About 100 miles south of Brownsville, Texas. Maximum sustained winds were 100 mph as Alex moved to the west at 10 mph. heavy rains, flash floods and mud slides are now the concern. But the weakening is expected as the storm hits the mountains.

New numbers show the month of June was the deadliest for coalition forces fighting in Afghanistan. 102 troops died last month.. Including a record 59 Americans. The Pentagon says part of the reason for the increase is due to expanding military operations against the Taliban. General David Petraeus expects the violence to only increase as coalition forces try to push insurgents out of old strongholds.

7/2/2010

Jobs take center stage today as the June unemployment numbers are due.. And President Obama announces his plan to create jobs. He'll announce a 795 million dollar plan to boost broadband connections in rural and poor areas. The white house says it'll create 5-thousand jobs. It'll also help communities hit hard in the recession, by providing public computing centers in libraries and community colleges.

Oakland, California cops are out in full force bracing for another round of riots! They're preparing for the verdict to come down in the racially-charged murder trial of Johannes Mehserle. He's the "white" Bay Area Rapid Transit officer charged with shooting an unarmed black man named Oscar Grant, as he laid face down on a subway platform last year. The officer claims he accidentally pulled his gun instead of his taser.

7/5/2010

Three more G-O-P senators are putting pressure on Republican national committee chair Michael Steele to step down this morning. John McCain's group says it's getting 'harder' and 'harder' to 'back' Steele after his latest slip of the tongue. During a Republican fundraiser last Thursday Steele said the Afghanistan war was quote -- ""Keep in mind again, for our federal candidates, this was a war of Obama's choosing. This is not something the United States had actively prosecuted or wanted to engage in." Steele says he was misunderstood.

7/6/2010

The first tar balls have hit Lake Ponchartrain, Louisiana and Galveston, Texas. which means the disaster has touched every gulf coast state. 78 days and more than three billion dollars in cleanup costs later.. Word is, this whale skimmer may not work as well as crews thought. A third containment ship is on the way and if they all work, they'll be able to collect 53-thousand barrels a day. But BP says the relief well is the best hope. That won't be until next month.

7/7/2010

4 year old Alisa Maier found late last night at a car wash... 85 miles from her home. She was snatched while playing with her brother in the front yard of their home in Louisiana, Missouri Monday night. Alisa's mother jumped into her van and tried to chase the scumbag down. About a hundred cops including 30 f-b-i agents and dozens of volunteers had been searching for Alisa. They did question sex offenders in the area, but think it was a "random" kidnapping. Cops looking for suspect from "vague" description, but no suspects. girl being examined this morning in the hospital.

7/8/2010

A new Louisiana law allows churchgoers to carry more than just their bibles on Sunday. Governor Bobby Jindal has signed a law allowing holders of concealed-weapons permits to carry guns into houses of worship. The bill allows permit holders who take an additional 8 hours of tactical training each year to bring a gun into "any church, synagogue, mosque or other similar place of worship". The bill will go into effect on August 15.

7/9/2010

Involuntary manslaughter instead of a murder conviction for an Oakland cop sent rioters into the streets. Dozens of people have been arrested this morning while protesting the verdict for Oakland cop Johannes Mehserle. Mehserle claimed he thought he was holding his taser instead of his gun when he shot an unarmed man to death. The victim's family says it blames the system. Mehserle will be sentenced next month up to four years in prison.

7/10/2010

The BP robots are working around the clock to place another cap over the spewing oil well. Officials hope to have the second part of the cap in place within the next few days. This could stop this leak by the end of the week. Meanwhile, the man in charge of paying damage claims from the 20 billion dollar fund says he's ready to cut checks. Kenneth Feinberg says he's prepared to pay out six months in emergency compensation right now. Program should be running by first week of August.

7/11/2010

Several suspects connected to a deadly bombing are in custody this morning. 74 people died in twin blasts at events hosting parties for the world cup. One American. An aid worker was also killed. Nate Henn's friend spoke about his generosity. Adam Finik, "he could have gone out and found a well-paying job but he spent the last year and a half dedicating his time for free." An al-Qaeda linked Somali terrorist group claimed responsibility.

7/12/2010

One American is dead and six others are hurt after a couple of bombings in Uganda. At least 64 people in all were killed in the blasts. One at a bar hosting world cup celebrations, the other at restaurant. Several of the Americans were from a church group in Pennsylvania. President Obama condemned the attacks. Calling them deplorable and cowardly.

7/13/2010

The Barefoot Bandit faces a judge in the Bahamas today to hear a 'litany' of charges against him. 19-year-old Colton Harris-Moore faces illegal weapons possession and other charges after cops say he went on a crime spree on the island. The FBI has been after Harris-Moore since he escaped from a halfway house in Washington state two years ago. He's been running wild, stealing cars, boats and airplanes since then.

7/14/2010

Arizona republicans plan to take the immigration debate to a whole other level. They're kicking off a bill this fall to deny citizenship to children born in Arizona if their parents are illegal. The 14th amendment in the constitution says anyone born in the United States is a citizen. But Senator Russell Pearce says the 14th Amendment has been "hijacked" by illegal immigrants.

7/15/2010

The Vatican will release new rules today on preventing priests from abusing children. Word is the rules are aimed more at enforcing existing practices. Possessing child porn will be added to the list of most serious crimes. Abusing a mentally retarded person will be considered just as bad as abusing a child. And the church wants to double the statute of limitations.

7/16/2010

President Obama will sign the just approved financial reform bill into law next week. But already republicans vow to repeal it. The bill sets up a new consumer protection agency. It'll oversee all bank transactions including mortgages. The bill also sets new regulations on banks. Big and small. It also puts new limits on risky trading.

Lightning is to blame for sparking more than a dozen wildfires in Southern California. Firefighters say about 80 homes have been threatened as crews try to get the blazes under control. No one has been evacuated and luckily, no one hurt.

7/19/2010

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is heading to Afghanistan today after this stop in Pakistan where she extended a 7 and a half billion dollar olive branch. She met with the prime minister to talk about new aid projects to improve the country's water, energy and health. The package is part of a deal to convince the people there that the Obama administration not only wants to fight terrorists, but also improve their lives.

7/20/2010

According to family lawyers, baby boomers -- once the "free love" generation -- now is urging their kids to sign prenups before getting hitched. Embittered by divorce and financial loss. "They've been through divorces... seen what kinds of financial devastation can occur. When they realize their children are going to be inheriting or gifted large amounts of money, they don't want their children potentially having to give up some of these assets."--Barry Finkel, family law attorney in Fort Lauderdale. also are hoping their children can use prenups to protect their future earnings. But one woman who got married without one against the wishes of her boomer parents put it this way: "Ultimately, it was our decision since we were the ones making the commitment to each other. We felt like signing a prenup for his parents' sake was an insulting and unnecessary burden on our marriage. I still feel a little hurt when I think about it." recent losses make boomer parents want their heirs to protect what's left even more.

7/21/2010

The FDA is considering pulling the controversial Breast Cancer drug Avastin off the shelves. An advisory panel says the drug doesn't delay the spread of Breast Cancer like originally thought. Avastin prevents blood vessels that feed cancer cells from forming. The drug will still be used to treat lung, kidney, and brain cancer. The FDA will make a final ruling in September.

7/22/2010

A happy ending is starting to seem unlikely in the "al gore is a perv" saga... Two more female "massage therapists" have come forward, tagging the former VP for "sexual misconduct." The National Enquirer "reports" one incident took place at a Beverly Hills' hotel in 2007 when gore was in town for the Oscars... The second was a year later at a Tokyo hotel. Camp Gore declined comment.

7/23/2010

A new report says the West Virginia mine that exploded in April killing 29 miners suddenly filled with large amount methane gas. The feds say the level of methane was almost three times greater than normal. They say it's still too early to determine an exact cause, but the report is a critical piece of evidence. The explosion was the mining industry's worst disaster in 40 years.

7/26/2010

Millions of dollars in damage in eastern Iowa after a dam broke over the weekend.. Destroying or damaging hundreds of homes. People are assessing the damage. at least 200 structures have been destroyed and 1,100 damaged after the Lake Lehi dam on an eastern Iowa Lake failed, unleashing a torrent of floodwaters. Nearly 10 inches of rain had recently fallen in a 12-hour period in the area and was "too much water for the dam to hold. Good news -- no injuries were reported.

7/27/2010

The identities of two women involved in a horrific car crash in Arizona last week were mixed up, with one family receiving news that their daughter had died when in fact she was undergoing treatment for her injuries while another family kept watch at her side for six days. Marlena Cantu, 21, was killed in the car accident while her and 4 friends were on their way back to Phoenix from a trip to Disneyland in California. However, her family was told she survived. At the time of the identification, it was thought 19-year-old Abby Guerra was killed. Guerra's family was told she was dead. The injuries to Guerra were so severe that she was unrecognizable to family and friends. Officials with St. Joseph's Medical Center and the Arizona Department of Public Safety apologized for the mistake yesterday, saying they were "acting on the best information" available at the time of notification. Now, Authorities have blamed case overload and a delay in dental comparisons

The tragic mix-up is similar to another accident that happened in 2006 in Michigan. The family of 22-year-old Laura VanRyn spent five weeks at the bedside of a woman they believed to be her daughter as she struggled to recover from injuries sustained in a car wreck that killed five others. When she awoke from a coma and was asked her name, she replied, "Whitney Cerak," an 18-year-old who was believed to have been among those killed in the wreck. The two women had blond hair and similar body types.

7/28/2010

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has declared a state of emergency this morning as two wildfires have charred more than 15-thousand acres. One fire is in the Sequoia National Forest. One thousand firefighters are on the frontlines as dozens of homes have been destroyed. The nearly 500 acre fire has already destroyed about 40 homes... and forced hundreds of residents in Kern County to evacuate. More than 150 firefighters are tackling the blaze by air and on the ground. A shelter has been set up at a local junior high school to assist evacuees. No relief by way of rain expected in that area for a while.

7/29/2010

Public enemy number one in the case of the "outed" Afghan war report! Pentagon officials believe 22-year old army private Bradley Manning leaked tens-of-thousands of secret military documents. They say Manning accessed a classified global military computer system... And spread the word! However, the US commander in Eastern Afghanistan says they haven't changed any "operation strategy" based on the leaked info!

7/30/2010

Hundreds of Michigan residents are considering "moving out" this morning! The health department is recommending that people living in about 50 homes along the Kalamazoo River...temporarily evacuate because of potential health problems that could result from the recent oil spill. While the EPA says the spill is mostly contained, nearly 20-thousand barrels still made it into the water.

8/2/2010

Firefighters in Alaska are still trying to put out a fire in the Denali National Forest after a plane burst into flames after crashing there. The NTSB says it doesn't know how many people were on board the large cargo-type plane when it went down last night. Witnesses say the plane was almost upside down as it crashed into the hillside. Cops don't think there are any survivors. This is the second air crash in Alaska in a week.

8/3/2010

A family picnic turned into tragedy in Shreveport, Louisiana. Six teens drowned after falling into a sinkhole on the red river. While the adults were setting up a barbeque, seven kids between 13 and 18, who didn't know how to swim, waded in shallow water. One child fell in the 18-foot hole, the others tried to save him but all toppled in. A bystander saved a 15-year-old, but the other six never resurfaced. It took crews three hours to recover all of the bodies.

8/4/2010

A California judge may overturn the controversial ban on gay marriage. Meaning same-sex couples may be allowed to tie the knot. He'll rule today on if proposition 8 violated gays' and lesbians' right of equality. And supporters of prop 8 are already filling out the paperwork to appeal. They also want the judge to leave the ban on same-sex marriages in place while they appeal.

8/5/2010

108 days, 206 million gallons of leaked oil later.. The deep horizon broken oil well has been sealed. Today, crews will add cement to re-enforce it, but there's controversy over where did the 'leaked' oil go? The feds say most of it's gone. Here's the breakdown. 33-percent was recovered, burned or dispersed, 25-percent evaporated or dissolved, 16-percent broke down naturally, 26-percent is on or just below the surface

8/6/2010

Just Monday we told you a story about a high school teacher who is in trouble for spanking a student, and now a congresswoman is trying to end the practice for good. Representative Carolyn McCarthy, a democrat from New York recently introduced legislation into Congress that calls for a national end to paddling, a form of corporal punishment, in all schools in the United States. She calls corporal punishment a safety issue in schools, saying it can aggravate students and make them violent. The "Ending Corporal Punishment in Schools Act" would ban any form of physical discipline on students in public and private schools that receive federal funding. The bill would also provide federal grants to schools dealing with disciplinary issues to promote nonphysical ways to change student behavior. Paddling is legal in 20 states. Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia and Tennessee have the most cases of corporal punishment. In the '60-'07 school year, 223,190 students were paddled nationwide including at least 41,972 students with disabilities.

8/9/2010

11 days after escaping an Arizona prison cops think John McCluskey, Tracy Province and they're alleged accomplice may be hiding out in Yellowstone national park. They say the trio is armed and extremely dangerous. The feds think the fugitives killed an Oklahoma couple whose bodies were found last week in New Mexico. McCluskey and Province, along with another inmate cut a hole through a prison fence and escaped July 30th.

8/10/2010

One down, two to go. Arizona escaped killer Tracy Province says he's 'relieved' at finally being caught in Wyoming. Now the feds think his accomplice, John McCluskey and fiancée Casslyn Welch are headed for Canada. The feds say McCluskey and Welch think they're 'Bonnie and Clyde' and may not go down without a fight. McCluskey was behind bars for attempted murder.. Cops say Welch threw cutting tools over a fence to help the men escape.

8/11/2010

Investigators have reached the site of the plane crash that killed former Alaska senator Ted Stevens and four others. The group was flying from one fishing lodge to another Monday night when it crashed into a remote mountainside near Dillingham. It hit with so much force that it left a 300-foot gash on the slope. The NTSB is investigating what happened, but say visibility was poor. Ex-NASA chief Sean O'Keefe and his son survived the crash.

8/12/2010

For the third time since May, fresh express is voluntarily recalling another salad. This time it's the "veggie lovers" salad mix. The company says it could possibly be contaminated with listeria. Check your fridge; it's the one with the use by date of August 10 this year. Officials say no one has gotten sick, they're just being cautious.

8/13/2010

Out of 24 charges.. Jurors in the Rod Blagojevich trial say they agree on only two. They are deadlocked on others and haven't yet debated 11 wire fraud counts.. Including the charges about him supposedly trying to sell Barack Obama's Senate seat. Experts say this is a good sign for Blago. Deliberations resume Monday.

8/16/2010

Astronauts aboard the international space station have been up early this morning hoping the third time's a charm. they ventured out around 4 a-m eastern to try to fix a cooling pump on the International Space Station. It's been giving them some grief.. Because of a leaky ammonia line which kept them from removing the bad pump.

8/17/2010

The attorney for Casey Anthony's parents is jumping ship. Brad Conway says he is being forced to resign after the defense claimed he was allowed to see documents from a private team that searched for Caylee's body. The defense claims they weren't given the same access to the papers. That now makes Conway a witness in the case. Casey Anthony is charged with murdering her daughter.

8/18/2010

Before you buckle up this morning, GM is recalling 250-thousand SUV's because of seat belt problems. The 2009 and 2010 Saturn Outlook, the Chevrolet Traverse, GMC Acadia and Buick Enclave are on the list. Officials say the rear buckles may not latch or appear jammed after the seats are folded down. If you're rolling in one, take your SUV to the dealership for repairs.

8/19/2010

The feds have released new info about how two fugitives from Arizona look. They say John McCluskey is missing a tooth and Casslyn Welch is missing part of a finger.. And no, they're not from Kentucky. They also believe the two are still traveling together somewhere near Montana or the Canadian border. McCluskey was serving 15 years for attempted second-degree murder.. McCluskey is accused of helping him and two others escape.

8/20/2010

Pitching legend Roger Clemens says he's ready to strike out the perjury charges against him. And he's still denying he's ever doped up. He's charged with obstructing congress, as it investigated steroid use in major league baseball. In February 2008, Clemens' testified to a house committee that he never used performance enhancing drugs. But Clemens' ex trainer and a report say otherwise.

8/23/2010

This small hand written note is making a lot of people happy in Chile. Its proof of 33 miners trapped underground for almost three weeks are still alive. The miners tied the note to a probe rescuers lowered underground. They also lowered a video camera and could see their faces. It'll take several months to get them. So for now they'll send food, medicine and other necessities until they can drill a larger shaft for them to get out.

8/24/2010

The inspections continue.. As the FDA scrambles to get a handle on this massive egg recall. But the feds don't expect to recall any more eggs. here are the latest numbers.. 550 million eggs recalled.. More than 1300 peeps

have gotten sick. Now the crackdown is on federal inspectors.. Who normally don't investigate farms until after an outbreak? The FDA will start routine inspections now of egg farms all over the country.

8/25/2010

The housing market is reeling this morning after new numbers show existing home sales plummeted 27 percent last month. Economists expected a drop but not this much. They say it's a standoff between potential buyers hoping prices will fall more and sellers, who refuse to drop them anymore. News like this certainly doesn't help the president Obama's approval rating. It's now at 45-percent down from 48 last month.

8/26/2010

Ex-president Bush's 2004 campaign manager and former chairman of the Republican National Committee, says... "I'm coming out!" Ken Mehlman says after years of working with George Bush and Dick Cheney he just recently realized which one he preferred. Now he wants to become an advocate for gay marriage. He said while serving as the RNC chair he privately battled Republicans' efforts to attack same sex marriage, but couldn't go against the party consensus.

8/27/2010

Toyota is back in the spotlight with another recall. This time it's more than one million corollas and matrix cars. The automaker says there's a defective engine control module in the 2005 through 08 models that could cause the car to stall. Toyota says there have been three minor accidents because of the problem and it will replace the modules.

8/30/2010

Officials in Chile will start drilling a hole today to get those 33 trapped miners out. But now they think it could be done in two months, not four. Meanwhile, almost a mile and a half below the miners sent up new video of themselves staying positive and not giving up. One miner proposed to his girlfriend of 25 years, promising a full Catholic wedding once he gets out. The couple has three kids and two grandkids, but never walked down the aisle.

8/31/2010

His name is Earl and he's packing a punch, as the category 4 hurricane has its sights set on the east coast. Now that Earl starts moving away from the Virgin Islands it does look like it might bring a direct threat later this week to parts of the eastern seaboard. It's a cat 4 hurricane. It's moving away from the Leeward Islands. Behind it is tropical storm Fiona that could be absorbed by Earl as it is moving quickly.

9/1/2010

Actor Michael Douglas is confident this morning about his battle with throat cancer telling people magazine.. 'I'll beat this'. The 65 year old actor appeared on the David Letterman Show last night and announced he's has stage four cancer. he also just finished his first week of chemotherapy and radiation. When asked about his progress Douglas said he's keeping his chin up.

9/2/2010

The Discovery Channel headquarters in Maryland will be back open for business this morning after this man, Lee, held three people hostage for four hours before cops shot him to death. The bomb squad spent the night looking for possible explosives after Lee said he had several bombs. They didn't find anything. A Discovery mouthpiece says the company knew of Lee, but didn't take his threats seriously.

9/3/2010

The coast guard now says there is no oil sheen floating in the Gulf of Mexico after another rig fire just off the central coast of Louisiana yesterday. The Mariner Energy Company that owns the rig hasn't figured out the cause of the fire. But says it wasn't from an explosion.. Even though the crew says they heard some sort of blast. The blaze started at one of the platform's active wells and the 13 onboard jumped into the water with survival suits. Luckily, no one was seriously hurt.

9/6/2010

*Labor Day "Best Of" Show

9/7/2010

In another move to get this economy back on track.. President Obama plans to announce a new 200 billion dollar tax cut for businesses. It would allow businesses to write off 100 percent of new investments in plants and equipment between now and the end of next year. This is on top of the 100 billion dollar permanent extension for research and development.. As well as 50 billion in new infrastructure spending.

9/8/2010

The main suspect in the disappearance of Alabama teen, Natalee Holloway says he's sorry for lying so much about the case. Speaking from the jailhouse in Peru, Joran Van Der Sloot admits he 'misused the Holloway case for his own advantage. But he once again denied having anything to do with her disappearance. Holloway disappeared in Aruba during her senior class trip in 2005. Van Der Sloot is awaiting trial in Peru accused of murdering a woman in his hotel room in last May.

9/9/2010

Florida cops are looking for the perp who wrote a 170 page manual on how to molest children. The step-by-step guide is making it way around the state. And there's mixed reaction this morning about the book. It also includes where to find potential victims. Yet, cops say it's legal to own because of freedom of speech. But they're worried the author who calls himself 'the mule' may have already hurt children.

9/10/10

A state of emergency in California this morning.. After a natural gas explosion in a neighborhood south of San Francisco killed at least one person and hurt seven others. People as far as a half-mile away could 'feel' the explosion. At least 50 homes are destroyed, 120 have some damage. The fire is now about 50 percent contained and shelters are set up.

9/13/2010

The Johns Hopkins Children Center is urging the NCAA to reconsider testing athletes for sickle cell disease. It worried about false positives and discrimination. The NCAA started testing division one athletes for the disease this year in hopes of protecting athletes who are at risk of dying from intense exercise.

9/14/2010

Victims in the California pipeline explosion are getting a big check this week. The company that owns the natural gas line says it's set up a 100 million dollar fund to shell out cash to help peeps get their lives back to normal. Residents say it's a start. Check this out.. The up to 50-thousand dollar checks roll out Friday with no strings attached. Meanwhile, no word on what caused the crack in the pipe. Three pieces of the pipe are headed to Washington D-C to be analyzed.

9/15/2010

Pilot error and a personal phone call are to blame for last summer's deadly mid-air collision over the Hudson River. The NTSB just released a report saying, the air traffic controller who cleared the plane for takeoff was distracted by a personal phone call. That led to the plane's pilot using the wrong radio frequency, which means controllers couldn't warn him. And both pilots overlooked alerts moments before the accident. Nine people were killed.

9/16/2010

College dorms are the latest victims to bed bugs. Officials at Catawba College in North Carolina are fumigating dorm rooms after the bugs invaded the buildings. They kicked the students out and are also giving them money to clean their linen. The CDC confirms bed bugs are becoming a big problem nationwide.

9/17/2010

New numbers show just how hard 2009 was for so many Americans. The poverty rate jumped to more than 14 percent last year.. the highest level since 1994. It affects more than 43 and a half million Americans, and the children are feeling it the worst. One in five kids is homeless.

9/20/2010

Five months after the deepwater horizon oil rig exploded killing 11 people and sending almost 5 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.. BP confirms the well is completely shut. Crews spent the weekend pouring cement into the base of the well and pressure tests indicate, the seal is holding steady. But environmentalists say tar balls are still lingering and there are some concerns the spill is hurting the seafood industry. BP says it's shelled out 9 and a half billion dollars on the disaster.

9/21/2010

The FBI is headed to the Fort Bliss army base in west Texas this morning after a man opened fire on base. The military isn't releasing a lot of details. But do know the gunman shot two women at a mini-grocery store at the base, before m-p shot and killed him. No word yet on the victims' conditions. Cops don't why he opened fire and haven't said if the man or the women are in the military or civilians. This is the second shooting at the base a little over a year.

9/22/2010

A bishop at a mega church in Atlanta is on the hot seat this morning accused of sexual coercion. Two young men, now in their 20's filed lawsuits against 57-year-old mega preacher Eddie Long. They claim the minister.. Known for his public crusades against homosexuality coerce them into sexual relationships... Including oral sex. They say long held a private spiritual ceremony to mark a "covenant" between them. They also say long took them on overnight trips where they shared a bedroom and had sexual relations. Long's mouthpiece denies all the allegations.

9/23/2010

A huge baby formula recall is also topping big news this morning. The makers of Similac-brand powder are pulling five million containers of formulas from the shelves because some may have beetles in them. Beetles or their eggs were found in some of the containers at one of the manufacturing plants.

Babies who drink formula with the beetles or their larvae could have some tummy aches and refuse to eat. The recall includes the products in the powder formula.

9/24/2010

For the first time in almost 100 years, the State of Virginia has executed a woman. Terry Lewis was convicted for hiring two men to kill her husband and step-son back in 2002. Death penalty opponents argued the 41-year-old should not have died because she was borderline mentally challenged and the triggermen only got life without parole.

9/27/2010

Eating a lot of magnesium wards off diabetes. That's the word from a new study out of The University of North Carolina. Researchers say people who ate the most Magnesium in foods and vitamins cut their risk of Diabetes in half. They say the mineral plays a major role in the way the body processes sugar.

9/28/2010

There's a lot of shock and awe this morning after word dropped about American soldiers in Afghanistan charged with murder for killing civilians for sport. CNN got a tape of one soldier admitting the Afghans didn't do anything to provoke them. He's now charged with three counts of murder. The tapes also show soldiers admitting to smoking hash. They say their staff sergeant made them do it and he even kept human bones as souvenirs.

9/29/2010

An Arizona border town is waking up with its mayor behind bars. Nogales Mayor Octavio Garcia Von-Borstel and his father are charged with being involved in a bribery scheme.the FBI says Garcia-Von Borstel was soliciting city businesses to hire him as a consultant. At least one business told agents it was paying the mayor to use his official position to obtain contracts.

9/30/2010

The times square wanna-be bomber, Faisal Shahzad will be sentenced next week. And thank goodness his botched bomb didn't work. Take a look at the feds recreation using the same type of materials.

Prosecutors say Shahzad wanted to set off a second bomb if the first one would have worked back in May. They say he also wanted to kill at least 40 Americans in the attacks and would have kept killing until he was captured or killed. He's upset about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

10/1/2010

There will be a job opening at the white house later today. Chief of staff Rahm Emanuel is expected to make his official announcement that he's heading to Chicago to run for mayor. Word is.. Emanuel has wanted that spot for years. Pete Rouse, a senior adviser who has been with the pres since he ran for senate.. is expected to take over the chief of staff position for the time being. The Chicago mayoral election is next February

10/4/2010

Jurors in Connecticut are expected to start deliberations later today in that horrible home invasion case where a doctor's wife and kids were murdered. Steven Hayes could get the death penalty for his role.

Prosecutors say Hayes and his accomplice forced Jennifer Hawke-Petit to withdraw money from the bank three years ago. They then sexually assaulted her and one of her daughters, took photos on their cell phone, then killed Jennifer and set the house on fire.

10/6/2010

Confidence is growing on Wall Street. Stocks rallied to a near five month high yesterday as faith in central banks bolstering the economy grows. The bank of Japan set the positive tone when it cut rates close to zero Tuesday morning. They also pledged to buy about 60 billion worth of assets as a healthy dose of economic stimulus.